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Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:-

I, this day have just returned from my vacation. The newspaper clipping on Early Chinese Bank Notes, in the form presented here, embodies nothing new. There has been one or two short articles in the Numismatist concerning these and if I remember rightly, when Frey was editor, Marco Polo's account; also I think the large Ming note was illustrated. If you want to put in anything on these why not go to the original source and write the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston, Mass., for their transaction which contains this article?

Now for Ramsden and his sudden death: The only official account I have received is as followed, copied out of the Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan for Oct -Dec., 1914, and which is the last number to be published.

H. A. RAMSDEN.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of the editor of this journal, Mr. Henry Alexander Ramsden, who passed away on January 27th last at the early age of 43 years.

His lose will no doubt be keenly felt by all those who took an interest in the study of the coins of the Far East, in which branch of Numismatics Mr. Ramsden was considered the leading expert.

His researches extending over a period of more than 20 years resulted in an accumulation of facts which in many instances have modified previous conceptions, and which have proved tob be a basis for the exact knowledge of Chinese coins.

His own collection acknowledged to be the most important in this extant always furnished ample material for comparison, and the publications that appeared from his hand clearly show the ingenuous way in which he used this extensive material to promote the science of Far-Eastern Numismatics.

It is sad to think that his career of research should have come to an end so soon, in the ordinary course of events he would have had many years of work before him to complete the series of scientific publications he had already commenced, amongst which we mention his book on "Ancient Chinese Shell Currency" which only re-

quired the finishing touches.

Those collectors who had the privelege of personally knowing Mr. Ramsden will not only regret the loss of an ardent fellow-collector-, but Ramsden also of an obliging friend, always willing to place his knowledge at the disposal of those who wanted information always extending a guiding hadn to new collectors venturing in the labyrinth of Far-Eastern Numsimatics.

His place as editor of our Journal cannot possibly be adequately filled by anyone else; it is therefore with regret that we have to announce that the present number will be the last of this publication.

Jun Kobayagawa Co.

This you see tells very little. The following is what little I know of his history:

Ramsden's Father was in the English Diplomatic Counsellor Service and was stationed in all parts of the world. Ramsden also was in the Counsellor Service and was at one time stationed in the Far East, Barcelona Spain and Cuba. In Cuba, both Ramsden and his Mother owned sugar estates. Some years agoRamsden left the English Service and went to Japan a Charge d' Affaires of the Newly formed Cuban Republic, but was thrown out of this position when Cuba lost for a time, its Independence during the American Intervention.

A number of years ago Ramsden married a Japanese lady who was a teacher of Chinese classics in Japan. He leaves a widow and two children. A few years ago, feeling the need of aditional labors, as his disposition precluded me from remaining idle, he organized the Coin and Stamp business in conjunction with his brother-inplaw, Jun Kobayahawa. The latter being an ardent Philatelist, Ramsden for a number of years being an ardent Numismatist. Although first his collection comprised of all classes of coins, in recent years he has specialized on Chinese and Japan copper coins with special emphasis laid to antique and the older classes. His knowledge of the subject, his favorable location in the East and his dynamic ener soon brought his collection of Chinese coins into the foremost ranks and probably at the time of his death no Chinese collector could surpass him in either number of rarities. No big collection any whe could begin to approach Mr. Ramsden's cabinet. Although strong on Japanese coins, there are several collections in Japan of this serie that undoubtedly surpass Mr. Ramsden's collection with the exception of his Tempo series.

The death of Mr. Ramsden is to be greatly regretted because no man living had the grasp or the knowledge of the subject as he did. Not only did he have the knowledge, but he had the desire and the facility for spreading what he new. It was his intention to gradually write up in a scholarly and scientific manner all of the nacient Chinese.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

June 29th, 1916.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,

1811 Mosher Street,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:-

I am herewith enclosing a book review, which you can use or not as you see fit.

Very truly,

"THE STEWART LOCKHART COLLECTION OF CHINESE COPPER COINS."

Numismatists are under obligation to Sir Stewart Lockhart for collecting and studying Chinese coins, to the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for publishing the results of his labors, and to Mr. Samuel Couling, of Shanghai, the efficient secretary of that society for his energy in initiating, and labor in pushing to completion this valuable work.

The Chinese system of coinage, having, as it does, ten thousand varieties presents the largest field for numismatic investigation in the world, and a field unique. Its extensive and well authenticated system of shaped coins has no rival. It differs from others in that it gave up both its gold standard and its silver standard. It gave up the custom of valuation by weight, and chose rather to measure the coins, ten to the linear foot, being the standard. Its early coins gave the place of issue, but not the date; later coins gave the dynastic title, but not the year. It adopted in the T'ang Dynasty, A. D. 618 fg. a form of legend, and has held this form, with but few exceptions, up to the immediate present. No head was ever used on its coins until Chao Er Feng tried to fool the Tibetans with a head of Kwang-hsü," looking as much as possible like the head of Victoria on the Indian coins, he wished to displace. It has always strung its coins. It has successfully resisted all efforts to introduce larger denominations.

For the study of such a curious coinage, this work gives one an excellent guide. To get these 2067 varieties beautifully illustrated, and fully described was not the work of a day. And this is put on the market for about five dollars gold.

The authors' statements and views about the many Chinese writers on numismatics is not the least of his excellencies. This suggests, by the way, whether or not the science of numismatics should look for its birth-place in China? Even if we doubt the date of the Ch'ien Chih , which is ascribed to the sixth century, yet can the West produce a genuine numismatist by the time of Hung Tswen, who wrote the Ch'üan Chih in 1149? The author depends chiefly on the Ku Ch'üan Hui, thus agreeing with the general opinion that this is the most reliable authority on the subject. What a pity that it is out of print. The story is that when the owner of the plates died, the family being unable to administer the estate otherwise, divided up these plates among the heirs.

The author throws much light on the terms used for coins in different ages: ch'ien, chin, ch'üan, pu, tao, pi. As to the coins, called "pu" he judiciously rejects the common translation "cloth", based on the supposition that these coins represented cloth as a medium of circulation. Nor does he give unqualified assent to Hopkins' translation of "pu" as "spreading", supposing that "pu" indicates the spreading shape of the coin, and that the coin is pictorial of a spade or hoe; like the "spade" coins sometimes identified with this class. But he misses the obvious meaning, "circulating". Compare the common expression, "pu Kao" "pu tao" &c. to publish abroad, to distribute. "Pu" simply means "currency." Now Lockhart clears up what has been an enigma, the origin of the shape of these coins. "Pu", as he says, signified money in circulation, and "ch'üan", funds held in reserve. He states that some writers say the coin was made to resemble the ancient writing of this "ch'üan" character, the simplest explanation yet given.

As to the other riddle, why the word "ch'üan", ~~character~~ meaning "a spring of water" was used on coins in the sense of money, Lockhart presents the

tempting view that "funds" was its primary, and "spring" its secondary meaning. But it is believed to be a pictograph, and the ancient forms certainly seem to picture a spring rather than money. Whichever is the secondary sense probably borrowed its form solely on a resemblance of sound according to the fifth canon of the "Six Systems of Forming Characters."

The author confirms the view that the round coins date from 1122 B. C., and were contemporary with or prior to the barter coins. Indeed he makes less incredible the statements of the older Chinese numismatists, such as Lo Pi, of the Sung Dynasty, that coins date back to Fuh-hsi, 2953 B. C., and Shen nung 1838. Can there be anything in this view? If so, may not numismatists in the West hope to uncover coins much older than those now known of?

The author's view that the "Pao Hwoa" coins, nos. 94, 95, 96 are the earliest round coins in his collection differs from Ramsden who would give that honor to no. 97, the Yüan coin. As the latter differs from all the other coins in having only one character and in having the hole round, more like the rings or seals from which these coins are probably derived, Ramsden's view seems the more probable.

A point of interest raised by the author is as to whether or not gold and silver coins have ever been issued as legal tender in China before the present era. Lockhart says no. He discredits the gold tokens issued by Liu Kwang Shih A. D. 1130 and 1131. Ramsden once wrote your correspondent that he knew of three Chinese gold coins in existance in as many different collections, not counting the Wang Mang coins (A. D. 9 fg.) with gold letters inlaid. Mr. J. F. S. Newman, of the Chinese Post Office claims to have a gold coin. But whether nr not these coins are genuine needs proof. In the Annals of Soochow city there is record that in A. D. 1175, among the property confiscated from one Han Yen Ku, was found so much gold bullion, so much gold leaf, and sixty "strings of gold coins". There is also record that in the Han Dynasty silver was coined for a brief period, but nothing further is known of the matter.

We amateurs are somewhat dumbfounded to find that our "K'ai Yüan T'ung Pao" of A. D. 618 to 626 are by some read as "K'ai T'und Yüan Pao". We had not suspected any kinship between the "yuan pao" of these coins and the "yuan pao" of modern silver sycee, nor did we know that Chinese currency began to "k'ai T'ung" i. e. "get civilized", until the last few years. We are loath to give up our K'ai Yüan friends, and are not sorry to see that our author in his list still uses the familiar designation.

It is time now for Oriental numismatists to take up the ~~xxxxx~~ Chinese coinage by dynasties and periods for more special investigation.

Hugh W. White.

Yancheng, Kiangsu, China.

The new dime by Adolph A. Weinman is without doubt, the finest example of our new coinage begun in 1907 with the advent of the twenty and ten dollar gold pieces.

Before commenting on any of the new pieces it is but fair to consider the limitations and difficulties that beset the designer. Artistic rendering and a super-abundance of lettering do not go hand in hand towards the best results. Our artists at the start are handicapped by having to place on the coin "United States of America", "E Pluribus Unum", Liberty", "In God We Trust". the date and the denomination. In other words, six separate mottoes or legends. Consequently the artist cannot strive for simplicity, and in despite of his best endeavors, one or both sides of the coin are bound to be chopped up with a lot of discordant elements. According to the requirements of a modern utilitarian coinage, the designer is precluded from employing or arriving at the best effects in modelling; for both the upper and lower planes of the relief must be considered. High relief and certain effects cannot be employed, and despite everything the artist may strive for, a certain mechanical technique must be used.

Mr. Weinman, notwithstanding all these handicaps, has produced on the side bearing the head, a most pleasing and artistic conception -- dignified, simple, the head of Liberty in her Phrygian cap ornamented with wings, gives us on our new coins, the most artistic conception yet arrived at. The two mottoes are kept subordinate. The word "Liberty" has been so treated as to blend itself into the general design in the best possible manner. The reverse has undoubtedly been sacrificed for the other side. Although good, it is open to criticism. At the first glance it is hard to tell which is right side up, as the olive branch and the lictor's fasces are so interwoven as to make the whole a confused jumble. Far better results could have been obtained if the spray had been much more simplified, and rendered with only a few leaves and not placed so closely around the fasces. The idea in itself of this design is good, the rendering only could have been improved upon.

Undiluted praise should be given to Mr. Weinman, and we trust that the other two denominations of the silver coins will equal, if not exceed in merit, the new dime.

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Sept. 21, 1916.

My Dear Wood:

The enclosed is all I have regarding the death of Mrs. I. F. Wood. Her sister may be able to give you exact date of death.

Will look for you not later than Sat. morning. Letter from Harry Williams this A. M. says he will be here with big exhibit. Lots of other new faces promise to show up.

Yours,

Duffield

September 7th, 1917.

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
1811 Mosher Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:-

I am enclosing herewith some side lights or whatever you want to call them from Mr. Angell of Milwaukee. Also his letter which explains itself. He has covered the field so well, I do not think that I can add much of anything. I am however enclosing a few random shots, which you can run or not as you see fit. This, of course, would go in separate from Angell's account. I also enclose a newspaper clipping.

Very truly yours,

RANDOM SHOTS

Dr. Trench's vivid hand painted neck ties made a big hit at the Convention.

Wayte Raymond yearned for for one of them as much as for a unique three cent piece.

Brenner and MacLachlan were the life of the party on the trip back from Manitou.

Bye the Bye, Brenner has as many jewels as the crowned heads had before the war.

There were no politics discussed at the Convention, all apparently were of the same mind.

The three W's, Williams, Wood and Wormser took in all the side shows.

The swiftest coin auction ever held took place in Rochester.

Henry Chapman was accompanied by a boil on his neck.

One of the clerks at the Hotel Rochester sported the name Coyne. The numismatic discovery was made by Ebenezer Beesley.

Fort Worth and Syracuse were represented at the Convention in a quiet sort of way.

On Sunday, lent some gasoline to a stranded motorist and on Monday ran out of the fluid himself, and spent two hours trying to get more. It is all right being a good Samaritan, but it has its limitations.

Foster Lardner was, as usual, the unofficial photographer of the Convention.

There were one and a half dress suits in the whole party.

A new grandfather was present, also a new

bride and groom.

Keen rivalry between Henderson and Henry Chapman for possession of the floor at the business meetings.

For real zest for hard work Brenner ran a close second to Yawger.

According to the newspapers every one had one or more coins worth from one to five thousand dollars, which were carried loose in the collector's pockets with keys, knives and other hardware. When will the newspapers ever learn better ?

A boom should be started to popularize the Convention Medal of Honor. Every member who has attended any convention should write to Oliver, General Secretary, and order one and then see how many bars he can add by attending future conventions.

One man last year went to San Francisco so as to beat his nearest rival on bars.

Mr. Editor get out the cut of the medal and polish it up so that every one can see what it looks like.

Random shots

Dr Brooks and Mr Tom made a
big hit at the Convention.
Wayne Raymond graced for
one of them as much as for
a unique three cent piece.
Bowman and Mr Lachlan
were the life of the party on
the trip back from Moncton.
Cupid Boyd, Bowman has so
many sweets on the Crown
heads he had before he was.

There was no politics discussed
at the Convention, all attendants
were of the same mind.
The three W's Williams, Ward and
Wimmerstook, as well the side
shows.
The wonderful Conn exhibition was
held with place at Rockwater
Harry Lakeman was

and polish it up so that
every one can see what
it contains.

According to the report
every one had one or more
some worth from one to
four thousand dollars, which
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collectors pockets with keys,
knives and other hardware.
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accompanied by a band on his neck.

One of the officers of the Hotel Randolphe pointed the name of Coyne. This numismatic discovery was made by Sawyer Pawley.

Fort Worth and Syracuse were represented at the exposition in a great deal of way.

On Sunday last we were gratified to see Grandfather Mitchell on Monday rain out of the flood himself and wife had been hoping to get home more. It is not at all right being so good Grandfather but we have no limitations.

Foster Gardner was, as usual, the most famous photographer of the Exposition.

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There were one and a half dozen visits in the whole party.

A new grandfather was found also a new bride and groom. Keen rivalry between Kinder-Care and Young Blackfoot for presence of the first at the business meeting.

Too cool for hard work for another year. Chairman passed to manager.

A Town should be started for presenting the Convention medal of honor. Every member who has attended any convention should write a letter, Sec. Lee and order one and then see how many have he can read by Study future conventions.

One man last year wrote a long sermon so we told his nearest rival a bare.

In closing we may do out of the medal

July 2[illegible], 1910.

Mr. Frank Duffield,
[illegible] Street,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Duffield:-

I have your letter of July 26th. Please do not [illegible] my previous letter was in the nature of a complaint I merely wanted to call your attention to the fact that the Minutes for the Society had not been received. Also that a number of the individual subscribers from I have seen in the past few weeks has mentioned that their copies had not been received.

I am quite ready to believe that the fault lies with the Post-office department rather, as I mentioned, Mr. [illegible]'s copy did come promptly.

Very respectfully yours,

Assistant to the Curator.

April 20th, 1920.

Dear Duffield:-

Awhile ago Dr. Escher left with us a medal of which I am enclosing photograph with the request that you give this prominence wherever possible. Below is a story which you can amplify and expand as much as you want.

Very truly,

Curator.

The following medal commemorates the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation at Zurich, Switzerland. It was designed by Hans Frey of Basel, the well known Swiss medallist. The Latin inscription may be best translated "Zurich has but one Zwingli".

Copies of this medal may be ordered from Dr. Hermann Escher, Secretary of the Zwingli Verein, Zentralbibliothek, Zurich, Switzerland. Silver 16 francs, and Bronze 5 francs.

June 11th, 1921

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

I think at the beginning of the year - about February 11th - I asked you to send the Numismatist to André Salles, 23 Rue de Vaneau, Paris VII, and I am under the im- [illegible] that I sent you it, and I have made a record in my letter. Will you look it up and if [illegible] I did not send you the [illegible], I will do so.

At any rate, I want the Numismatist from the beginning of the year sent to M. Salles and will you please send on the bill for succeeding years until further notice. I have just received a letter from him in which he states that he has received no copies of the Numismatist since December last.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HJ/-

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June 13, 1921.

Mr. Howland Wood,
A. N. S. Building,
New York City.

My Dear Wood:

I find Mr. Salles' card among the "subscription expired" lot, and do not find any entry in February of his subscription, so it appears that you did not send the amount and that he has not received the magazine since December issue. By the way, foreign subscriptions are $1.75. I will enter this subscription and send back numbers for 1921.

I have a letter today from Mrs. Louis M. Mangold, 2036 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich., who says she has a medal which belonged to her grandfather, who fought in the army of Napoleon. Bronze, 2x1¼ inches. Inscription, "A Ses Compagnons De Gloire Sa Derniere Pensee St. Helene, 5 Mai 1821." "Compagnes de 1792 a 1815." Reverse, head of Napoleon in low relief, encircled with the words "Napoleon I--Empereur."

I know nothing about the medal, but am replying to her that the Society might buy it if they haven't one. You may hear from her in a few days.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

June 16th, 1921

Mr. F. G. Duffield
Editor, The Numismatist
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

As I do not find any cheque sent to you for J. Salle's subscription, I think you are right: therefore, I am sending you my cheque for $1.75. Please send the bills in the future to me.

Very truly yours,

WMC.

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November 2, 1921.

My Dear Wood:

Mr. Perez of Manila, P. I., writes that you have received specimens of two different Magellan medals struck at Manila. He suggests that I may be able to reproduce them in The Numismatist. So if you are not going to use them in any of your publications, I would like to have photos. of them for the purpose.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

November 4th, 1921

Mr. F. G. Duffield
The Numismatist
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

Your letter of November 2nd at hand.

I know of but one Magellan medal; the other has to do with the Tercentenary of the College at Manila. Both are so horrible that I did not think that you wanted them. However, I am enclosing photographs and you can do as you want with them. The Magellan is in bronze, and the other is in bronze gilded.

Very truly yours,

M/M

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Nov. 10, 1921.

My dear Cool:

Thanks for the photographs of the Philippine Island medals. I am enclosing Mr. Perez's letter with a rubbing of the other Magellan medal. You may want to make a note of this if you haven't it. He says nothing about the tercentenary of the Univ. of St. Thomas medal, which seems to be 10 years old.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

December 18th, 1921

Frank G. Duffield, Esq.
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Do you know of any numismatist in Tegucigalpa, Honduras? If so, out with it! And I desire some information of the coinage about 1825.

I am sending you a copy of a circular which may interest you in case you have not seen it.

Very truly yours,

W/1
Enc.

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Dec. 14, 1921.

My Dear Wood:

We haven't a subscriber in the whole of Central America, and I don't know anybody there who could help you any.

[illegible] I [illegible] in the way of history and travel about Central America. I could get out of the library. I copied a good many extracts relating to the coinages, and a good [illegible] of them I incorporated in my paper read at the Springfield Convention, published in the N. for October, 1914. I found some reference to the mint at Tegucigalpa, but according to one writer the mint was not established until 1830. I don't know how accurate this information is. But it doesn't the coins of 1[illegible] have been struck there. I have none of the coins. O. P. Eklund, 0711 [illegible], Spokane, Wash., has a big collection of coins of this part of the world, and may have some of them if you are in want of specimens. He seems to have information about his coins as well. Further than this I don't believe I can help you.

I had seen the press dispatch about the League of Nations gold coin, but had not seen Montagu's comment.

I suppose in the course of time we should have a new coinage in Ireland.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

December 20th, 1971

Mr. [illegible] Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimeore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I note in the December number of the Numismatist, the remark was made that there was no collection of paper money in any public museum. The American Numismatic Society has a large collection of obsolete paper money, by no means perfect but of considerable extent. Sections of this have been exhibited from time to time, but for the most part it is kept accessible in books where anyone so wishing may see and study it at their leisure.

We have found that collectors and those interested prefer to study coins and paper money close at hand rather than through glass in in exhibition cases. This collection we are constantly adding to and it is our endeavour to keep it a live active branch.

Very truly yours,

Curator

W.J.

December 22nd, 1921

Mr. W. H. Duffield,
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The enclosed gives a better and clearer story of some of the German porcelain money that we have seen. Nearly every mail from Germany brings us letters offering to sell these sets at $60.00 a set, United States currency. They probably are thinking they can pay their War Indemnity by suckers in America.

Very truly yours,

HW/E
Enc

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Dec. 23, 1[illegible]

[illegible] good:

[illegible]ks for the circular on the German porcelain [illegible]

[illegible] circular from a different source on the same [illegible]

[illegible]th in Feb. issue.

[illegible] my opinion from the first that [illegible]

[illegible]l use as money, though some others thought [illegible]

[illegible]lishing your letter on the obsolet[illegible]

[illegible]hes for a prosperous 1922 [illegible]

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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[illegible] 1931.

Mr. [illegible] Harold [illegible],
[illegible] Ave.,
New [illegible] City.

Dear Mr. [illegible]:

[illegible] also. I have no doubt t[illegible] than Knox's, and I will send for a copy. The great trouble with such articles is, as you say, that they are too lengthy to use entire.

Your criticism of Mr. Andrews' articles and lists is deserved. He wrote me first that he had lists of four States for publicatio[illegible] of which was North Carolina. I knew he had been working on the [illegible] of his own State [illegible] thought it was as complete as such a list can be. I also thought the other three States would be almost as complete. So [illegible] to publish it. Since that time he has sent [illegible] which were not in the original agreement. [illegible], I thought I would publish all seven. Even from the little lot of bills I have I know his list lacks many denominations and varieties. He has admitted this, and says he is receiving letters listing notes not included in his list. However, they are not taking up a lot of room and they will form a basis for others to work on. If [illegible] feel so disposed, I am sure Mr. Andrews will appreciate a list of additional notes in the A. N. S.'s collection if you will send it to him.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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1811 MOSHER STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

February 7th, 1922

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Do you know the name of the Committee in charge of the Alabama half-dollar? I would like to get various information regarding these; and also, if possible, both varieties. And I thought by writing direct, I might do this.

Very truly yours,

H.W/E

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April 8, 1922.

My Dear Wood:

Can you give me a little information as to the rarity of the Washington Indian Peace Medal? Obv., Bust of Washington, "George Washington President of the United States. 1789." Reverse, clasped hands, crossed pipe and tomahawk, "Peace and Friendship." This is said to be about 3 inches in diameter, bronze or copper silver-plated. It has recently been dug up out West.

I believe the mint has made copies or restrikes of this series in bronze, but I can find no mention of these earlier than John Adams. This particular one has loop at top.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

August 22nd, 1922

Mr. Frank.G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Arthur G. Hyman has asked me to pay his dues to the Association. I am writing to you rather than to the Secretary as I think being now a "foreigner" he pays a little more. Let me know the amount - say, for this year, if unpaid, and next year, and I will try to send you a cheque. Are you still sending him the Numismatist? If so, where?

Very truly yours,

W/1

September 7th, 1922

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Maiden Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am, herewith, sending you my cheque for Four Dollars to pay for Arthur C. Wyman's dues for this year and 1923. I have written him to find out if, and where, he wants the Numismatist sent. Until you hear again from me, please send them here as usual.

Very truly yours,

Auditor

WW/E
Enc.

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1811 MOSHER STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

Sept. 19, 1922.

My Dear Wood:

Can you help Mr. Pelletier out on the enclosed matter? Please return photo to him in enclosed envelope. I have told him I am referring it to you.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

September 20th, 1922

Frank G. Duffield, Esq.
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I have just received the letter of Mr. Collatier [illegible] you referred to me. The coin is a [illegible] [illegible] of Tiro, Sultan of [illegible], struck at Darlington in July A.D. [illegible].

I [illegible] you know that Dr. Donald Storer died day before yesterday.

I am enclosing a copy of Salamoriet notes similar to part you mentioned in the Jury as expert numismatist. If you want to photograph them, as about, can then return to me.

Very truly yours,

HW/E
Enc.

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Sept. 23, 1922.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for sending the Bolshevist notes. I am very much crowded with matter for Oct. issue, but will reproduce the latest Russian note in if I can get a good photo. It is very light in color and may not photograph well. Will return both when through with them.

I have several clippings on death of Dr. Storer, including Newport Herald of Sept. 19, which has long sketch of him minus his numismatic career. I have always understood he confined himself to medical medals and tokens. Can you, without much trouble, give me a list of his contributions to publications. I know that for years he ran a series of articles in the A. J. N. on this subject, and also published years ago a pamphlet on tokens relating to obstetrics and gynecology. If you can give me any information along this line I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

I can only mention death of Dr. Storer in Oct. issue.
Sketch will be in Nov. issue

September 26th, 1922.

Dear Duffield:-

I am sending you herewith a list of Dr. Storer's publications compiled in our Library. I have no means of telling how complete this is, but I think it is full enough for all purposes.

Very truly,

Mr. Frank C. Duffield,
1811 Mosher Street,
Baltimore, Md.

October 10th, 1922

Walter Douglas, Esq.
99 John Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Mr. Anthony de Francisci has just written to me advising that he suggested to you the addition of one of the medals of The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers to our museum. Our Secretary, Mr. Roe, was in Mr. de Francisci's studio awhile ago, and saw the preliminary designs of this medal with which he was much pleased. It would give us great pleasure to have a specimen of this, and I desire to thank you in advance for your kind consideration of Mr. de Francisci's suggestion.

If this is the medal of which I am thinking, I believe one of our members, Mr. Charles F. [illegible], is on the committee.

Very truly yours,

Curator

[illegible]

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Nov. 3, 1912.

My Dear Wood:

I note announcement of lecture by Professor Sick. If the address is in manuscript, and the Society does not intend to publish it for itself, I would be glad to have it for the N.

If not in manuscript, and Professor Sick will prepare something on the subject, I will be glad to have that.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

November 7th, 1922

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I have your letter of November 3rd with regard to Professor Cox's courses last evening. Verner also mentioned the matter to me. Except for the introduction, Dr. Cox delivered his lecture in German and had nothing but fragmentary notes. I spoke to the Dean and he said that he was unable to prepare anything for publication because he was leaving the States on Thursday next.

Very truly yours,

HE/H

December 22nd, 1922

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Please renew the subscription of M. Andre Salles for the year 1923. Enclosed, you will find cheque for $1.75. M. Salles will be in Indo China for several months, and if not too much trouble, will you please have the January, February, March and April numbers of the Numismatist sent to him C/o M. Petit, directeur de l'Ecole Normal de Gia-dink, Saigon, French Indo China. After that, kindly forward to his home address - Rue Vaneau 23, Paris (VII), France.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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May 1, 1917.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for getting me straight on the line in Spink's advt. for May. The, not last line Mr. Newell's review, for that says it had extra page 1917. Regarding it.

I knew that Mr. Newell wrote it, but I said it was sent to me by a gentleman whose name was not familiar to me. It was Mr. [illegible] and I am sending his letter.

Very [illegible],

F. G. Duffield

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May 16, 1923.

My Dear Wood:

Do you know anything about a gold coin of Russia, of Nicholas II, 1902, said to be for 37 rubles, or 100 francs, or 50 something else? Only 225 pieces said to have been struck? Commemorative, prepared by the Czar. It has bust on obv., the Russian eagle, 3 denominations and date on reverse.

If you know of the coin and can give me any further information I would appreciate it. If not familiar with it, I can send photos.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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Dollars

May 19th, 1923

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

The Russian coins about which you write were issued, I think, in two different values - 25 roubles and 37 roubles. They bear three different dates, two or three years apart. They were never put in circulation and were really patterns. They used to fetch about $150-175, but recently they have been coming more to light and I don't know what they would bring now.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

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Oct. 7, 1[illegible]

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] I received from Mr. King, Erie, Pa., a number of photos of Lincoln items sent him by you, as well as your letter of July 21 to him.

Since receiving them I have been so busy with the Sept. and Oct. issues that I have not been able to give much time to the coming Lincoln issue. I am now writing the chairman [illegible]. In your letter you ask him to make sure that you will get the photos back to put in your book. Before I use them I would like to make an explanation. I always mount my prints for the engraver, and after cuts are made I can soak off your photos and return them, but they may not be in quite as nice condition as before they were mounted. I don't want to do this without your permission. A number of yours are of apparently campaign [illegible] very interesting, and I judge rare, and I want to use all of them, as the lot of pieces King sent contain very few of these. If you consent to my mounting them and then soaking them and returning them, I will do the best I can to keep them in fine shape.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

October 4th, 1923.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
1811 Mosher Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

As regards the photographs, they are taken out of our scrap book of Lincoln material, and I want to put them back in.

Did you ever attempt to use rubber cement to fasten down photographs that you want to remove later?

Go ahead and use these, and try to get them to me in as good shape as possible.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 15, 1923.

My Dear Wood:

King of Erie, Pa., suggests that you ought to prepare an article for the Lincoln issue on Civil War tokens with the "Lincoln" portrait on obverse and East Boston and Charnley reverses, and if you will do so I will be glad to use it.

In August 1909 issue of the N. you had an article on the subject. If I still have that cut I can use it, and if not, I can prepare other cuts if you will send the cards.

If you can prepare this, I ought to have it shortly.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

November 17th, 1923

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I know absolutely no more about these so-called Lincoln portrait tokens than I did in 1909. In fact, I know less; because several people have taken exception, and think they are not Lincoln portraits. If I wrote about them again, it would be an absolute repetition of what I wrote then, so why not refer to that article - possibly you can sell a few of those numbers.

Very truly,

HW/E

December 28th, 1923

Mr. Frank W. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman has asked me to pay his dues to the Association. Please let me know his status and whether he now receives The Numismatist.

Mr. Wyman's address is -
C/o Messrs. Cook et Fils
2 Place de la Madeleine
Paris, France

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/h

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Dec. 28, 1923.

My Dear Wood:

Mr. Arthur C. Wyman's status is that his subscription was paid for 1923. His copy of the magazine has been going to 311 West 24th St. Some time ago I received notice from th Postoffice Department that it could not be delivered, as he had removed, and recently his November issue was returned for the same reason. I took his name from the mail list for Jan. mailing, but will restore it ~~for~~ with his Paris address.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

January 3rd, 1924

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

I am sending you, herewith, my cheque for Three Dollars ($3.00) to pay for dues and subscription of Arthur C. Wyman.

I am holding Salles' subscription back until I hear from him.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW E
enc.

February 4th, 1924

F. G. Duffield, Esq.
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The enclosed reached us this morning from the Boyer Chemical Laboratory Company and is evidently intended for the Association, therefore we are sending on same for your attention.

Am also enclosing communication with regard to The Numismatist.

Very truly,

Curator

Encs.

April 1st, 1924

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I have just heard from André Salles, and as he will be in Indo-China for a number of months, and on account of the bad exchange, he has asked to have The Numismatist discontinued until further notice.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 5th, 1924

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am enclosing, herewith, a manuscript from Arthur C. Wyman which he desires to have published in The Numismatist if you think it is worthy.

Under separate cover, I am sending plaster casts of three coins to go with this article.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

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April 10, 1924.

My Dear Wood:

I have your letter of the 7th inst., with Mr. Hyman's article, but, if sent, the casts have not yet arrived.

If they come in time to photo and have cuts made, I expect to use the article in May issue.

Yours,

F. G. Duffield

December 6th, 1924

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The enclosed printed list of dealers we have been sending in letters of enquiry concerning the selling of coins, and as we have now run out of our edition and wish to print a new list, I am wondering if you could suggest any new names, or whether you think we should eliminate some of those which we now have. I think you come into be ter contact with dealers than we do, and I would much appreciate it if you would look this list over and make any suggestions.

On the list as it now stands, we have heard nothing of Davis, Leon, Standard Coin Company, C.F.Clarke or Flieder.

Also, looking through this year's Numismatist, I have added the following:

John B. Boss, 1127 Spruce Street, Philadelphia
Ambrose J. Brown, Box 203, Marblehead, Mass.
~~D. C. Wismer, Hatfield, Pa.~~
M. H. Bolender, Drangeville, Ill.
William Rabin, 6152 Walton Avenue, Philadelphia
H. A. Brand, 174 Woolper Avenue, Cincinnati, O.
Henry Nazoth, Paducah, Ky.
C. A. Stewart, 18 Tremont, Boston, Mass.

Unless you know something against our having these men listed, I will include them in our new list.

Is there anybody in Chicago whom we could class as a dealer? You will not that I have omitted paper money dealers.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

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Dec. 8, 1924.

My Dear Wood:

Regarding the enclosed list:

Davis & Co., Los Angeles, I have heard nothing from for more than a year. Don't think he ever was more than an exchange broker, dabbling in coins a little.

I understand Leom is now running a store of some kind (not coins) and is doing little or nothing in coins, except as an agent for Brand.

Norman Schulz, Colorado Springs stopped advertising abruptly a few months ago and have heard nothing from him since.

Standard Coin Co., Chicago--This was M. P. Carey, who moved to Los Angeles a year or two ago and have not heard from him since.

I understood Morey sold out to some one, but forget who.

Have heard nothing lately of C. F. Clarke & Co.

Flieder never was a dealer. He ran page advertisements for a time to dispose of his own collection.

The list of new ones appears to be all right, except that Wismer deals in nothing, so far as I know, except paper money and Dix tokens.

I know of no dealer in Chicago except Rudolph Thomas, 119 N. Dearborn St., who has a store, but is mainly a stamp dealer, though he does some coin business. I know little about him. When I am asked for a dealer's address in Chicago, I usually refer them to Dunham or R. E. Davis. Davis seems to be well informed, though he is in no sense a dealer, but would probably buy worth-while stuff, or could give information.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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Jan. 13, 1925.

My Dear Wood:

Can you furnish me with photos. of the $10 and $5 Oregon beaver coins, 1849? Am willing to pay for the photos.

I have an article for publication, and I want to illustrate both. I have a fair illustration of the $5, and can get along without that. But if you can furnish both or the $10, I would like to have them.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

January 16th, 1925

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The other day I sent you cuts of the Oregon Beaver pieces. These are from the Catalogue of United States coins, the exhibition of which we held here in 1914. You are welcome to them for the article you are using, but please see that they are returned to us as soon as the article is printed.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Jan. 30, 1925.

My Dear Wood:

Do you know anything about Russian bar money? The enclosed photograph come to me indirectly as ~~xxxxx~~ in the collection of Russian coins Holmberg advertised in the Jan. issue of the N.

I have no information about it except what is written on the back of photo. I don't find any mention of it in the Klingert Collection, though that only goes back to Peter I, and I judge the bar is earlier than that.

I want to illustrate it in March issue, and haven't time to correspond with Miss Holmberg.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Wrgood
Pabst
Rieff etc

January 31st, 1925

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1611 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Various Russian books, unfortunately written in Russian, picture silver ingots and bars, most of them of the shape and size of the enclosed photograph, with either no punches, or one to a number of marks on them. Some bars appear to be rough; others, smooth. A few of the bars I should think were up to ten times the weight of this particular one. The books, being in Russian, do not help me with the details; but I gather that there were rubles and multiples issued about the same time as small, flat, oval-shaped silver coins by the Princes of Novgorov, Pskof, Kieff, etc. These were at a period when there was no Russian Empire.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

Mrs O'Connor
& requests him
to deal with
Duffield's letter

March 5th, 1925

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mesher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Have you the medal by Hans Schuler at the time of the Star Spangled Banner Centenary, Baltimore, 1914? Or, if you have a photograph of this, we should be glad to borrow it.

If you have not already sent away our copies of The Numismatist, will you please forward the envelopes in advance, so that there will be no delay this end.

Also, kindly let us know what postage is required for our mailing of these copies.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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March 6, 1925.

My Dear Wood:

I have one of the [illegible] pewter Centenary medals, illustrated in the N., page 527, Oct., 1914, if this is the one you have reference to. It is the only one I know of for this occasion. Will the illustration answer for the purpose you want it? If not, I can take photo of it the next time I am making photos.

The March issue is 56 pages and weighs considerably over four ounces, so a two-cent stamp will be necessary for each one sent out by you. The printer is late with this issue, but I am expecting it every day. He will send your copies direct at our expense.

I have not forgotten the cuts of the two Oregon coins loaned us. The printer has not returned cuts used in Feb. issue, but expects to will return them with those used in March in a few days, and will send them when they come.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

March 19th, 1925

Mr. F. G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am much obliged to you for the photographs. Thanks very much. I know that your courtesy will be much appreciated by our enquirer.

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 20th, 1925

Mr. F. C. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Can you help Mr. Corry out with regard to his question?

Very truly,

Enc.

Curator

March 28th, 1925

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

In case you have received no notices of Morey's death, here they are! You can credit them to John Robinson, Salem, Mass.

I received the other day the two cuts of the Oregon gold pieces. Many thanks for their prompt return.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Encs.

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April 18, 1925.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for the information re death of John Robinson. I had not heard it and have written for details.

Several days ago I sent to you Mr. Alvin F. Harlow (the Canal man), thinking it the most satisfactory place for him to get his numismati data for his book. He has written me that he was much pleased at his reception.

I have gathered from your and Mr. Roe's reports that you do not object to having visitors use the material of the Society in research work along numismatic lines, but am not sure about other lines, such as Mr. Harlow is doing. If it is not entirely agreeable to have them do so, give me the word and I will not send any more.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

April 21st, 1925

Mr. F. C. Duffield
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

We are very glad to see anyone who comes to our place - especially if they are engaged in anything useful in our line. We are here for that purpose, and therefore do not hesitate about referring people to us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

June 9, 1925

F. G. Duffield, Esq.
Editor, The Numismatist
1811 Mosher Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:

It is indeed lucky that the Stone Mountain Half Dollar has in large letters upon it the words, "Half Dollar"; otherwise I would place it as a souvenir.

The general design lends itself to a souvenir medal rather than to a piece of United States currency. In other words, it has none of the characteristics of a coin. From some standpoints this may be correct because these souvenir half dollars can hardly be termed coins although labelled as such. A coin should be issued for face value and have some excuse for general circulation whereas these souvenir coins are issued at at least a one hundred per cent premium and virtually never get into circulation, which is a lucky thing for the public.

If this piece were struck in brass with a nice coat of gilt, I would say that it was a rather good souvenir.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator

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~~1811 MOSHER STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.~~

REMOVED TO 2418 [illegible] AVE.
BALTIMORE, MD.

March 2, 1926.

My Dear Wood:

I enclose photos of a copper coin sent by a correspondent. He says the obverse is Jejion, and the reverse Circara, and that's what it looks like to me. Is this unusual, or what is the explanation?

Forrmer wrote me that you would probably prepare something for publication as an obituary for Frey. He sent me the list of Frey's publications, which you prepared, and I have a letter from his brother, Charles P. Frey, giving some details of his career outside of numismatics. As it stands, I could prepare a notice, but would prefer having you send something if you can prepare it.

I was able to get only an announcement of his death in the March issue. Obituary will be for April issue.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

March 3rd, 1926

Mr. F. G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The Ceylon Circars mule is a well known pattern or proof. Nearly all of the British Indian, Ceylon, And African coins made in England around 1800, were struck in proof form, in bronze, silver, gilt or pewter They must have been struck in fairly large quantities for collectors, as they continually turn up - especially in England, where they bring fairly good prices. In one or two instances they have combined dies of one series with dies of another. This is about the only explanation I can give you.

I am not much good at writing obituaries; and just at the present time, I do not want to concentrate on one for Frey. You might state that he was one of the best known New York collectors - having a large foreign correspondence, and, in years past, made a great point of corresponding with a number of American collectors. Also, made a point of meeting out-of-town collectors when they came to New York. He was a frequent attendant at the various coin sales in this city; and his circle of numismatic friends was very extensive. Mr. Frey's scholarly pursuits were not confined to numismatics. He was well known as a Shakespearian scholar, and I think had several other studious interests.

Very truly yours,

Curator

June 19th, 1926
June 19th, 1926

Mr. Elliott Smith
Mr. T. J. Duffield
26th Street & East River
New York City
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Elliott:

Dear Duffield:

Possibly the enclosed letter regarding the Life Saving Medal may interest you. As Mr. Pipes states the price to be Twenty Dollars which is not out of the way, you may care to secure it even if you have a duplicate.

I am enclosing photographs of certain recent issues for French Colonies and Mandates.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Curator

Enc.

Curator

September 9th, 1926

Mr. F. G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am enclosing a number of photographs of new coins, thinking that possibly you may care to make use of them. I was doing some experimenting with backgrounds - which was the reason for my making these negatives. If you want further explanation or write-ups, please return those coins to me, for I do not remember which ones have been previously illustrated in The Numismatist.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Curator

November 3, 1926

Frank G. Duffield, Esq.,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I have answered Mr. Huber and have told him that his medal is of no especial value. These pieces are continually turning up; they were made in Indian Territory, unofficially, about 50 years ago.

I am enclosing a letter just received, which is meant for you.

Yours very truly,

Curator

January 19, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

If you want to make use of any part of this letter, go ahead and do so. Please return it as soon as you can, as I have not answered it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MP
Encl.

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~~1811 MOSHER STREET~~, BALTIMORE, MD.
4215 Fernhill Ave.,

Jan. 27, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

I have copied the greater part of this letter and will use it in the March issue. Thanks.

Yours,

F. G. Duffield

February 17, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The enclosed letter from Messerschmidt may or may not interest you. At any rate, drop him a line, if you do or do not want this.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MP
Encl.

March 18, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am sending check and letter from Mr. O. T. Stubbs, requesting "Numismatist," etc.

The part referring to the Leshers, I have answered.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB
Encl.

May 27, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Has there been any recent change in the law governing the reproduction of coins in numismatic, historical, scientific publications? The though occurred to me a while ago that they might have put in a joker when they changed the law concerning the reproduction of stamps.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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May 28, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

So far as I know there has been no change in the law prohibiting reproducing coins. The last law that I know of is 12 or 15 years old at least. I did not know there had been any change in the law affecting stamps and was under the impression that illustrating them was always illegal.

If you get any information on this point I wish you would let me know. I get a good many inquiries on the legality of illustrating coins.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

August 31, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Concerning that article on Eagles I handed you at the Convention, you might note that I read it at a meeting of the New York Numismatic Club on December 10th, 1926, as well as at the Springfield Convention. The Hartford Courant published it almost entire the following day. The Associated Press called me up after I got back to New York and wanted the article and permission to photograph the drawings. I told them they could write to you and that they could broadcast it if they wished.

In making cuts of the drawings, do not touch up these sketches. Jamson said that they would lose half their character if they were finished up or changed in any way.

Hoping you have a good time at the Convention, I remain

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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Sept. 5, 1917.

My Dear Cook:

Regarding the drawings of the engine, the Baltimore representative of the Associated Press got in touch with me several days ago and asked them, saying you had given them permission to use them. He was going them to New York to be photographed. I let him have them, and he promised they would be returned in a good condition as soon as he got them, so I do not think they will touch them up in any way, at least without permission. I expect them back in a day or so. The only condition I asked was that they furnish me with a photograph of them, but I am not sure I will get it, though the representative here said he would state that condition to the N. Y. office. I have my doubts whether a satisfactory photograph can be made from pencil drawings. Will let you know the outcome. They did not ask for the text, as they will probably use what the Journal published. I have that also.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

September 6, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

I am herewith enclosing a letter that came here, but was meant for you. I have sent him an A.N.A. application blank, as well as one of our own.

The Associated Press people have been following me up quite closely. On Friday and Saturday we fixed up the Eagle article. Possibly they will not use all of my drawings. When they come back to you and if they should send the photographs, watch out and see if they photographed everything.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

Encl.

September 14, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The Associated Press went ahead and did the wrong thing. They inked over several of my drawings and from the looks of the reproduction, I think they spoiled them. I do not want these drawings to go through this way. Therefore, I wish you would send them to me and I will see if I cannot draw them over. If you have not mounted them up, you might return all to me so I can catch the style in which I did these.

Mr. Knox apologized for what the artist did, which was against instructions, but that does not help matters.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

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Sept. 14, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

The Associated Press people returned your drawings to me this morning. I also enclose their letter to me and the story they will send out.

You will note that they have have used only six of the drawings, and these they have drawn over in ink. But as you had a session with them, this was probably with your consent.

It was, of course, my intention to reproduce all of them, but I was in doubt as to whether the pencil drawings would photograph well enough to have cuts made. As some are now in ink and some in pencil, I think it best to return them to you, as I believe there would be too much contrast if photographed as they are.

I believe if you redraw in pencil the six they have used, it will put all in their original condition.

A better plan would be to redraw in ink all those they did not use. That would guarantee good sharp lines on the photographs. This, I know, means considerable work.

It was my intention to use them like enclosed diagram, but I am open to any suggestions from you. It is out of the question now to get them ready for the Oct. issue, but that was my original intention.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Since writing the above your letter has reached me, and I had already decided to do what you suggest, about returning all.

D.

September 20, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

The drawings came back the other day and I have redrawn those that the Associated Press people spoiled. I grouped them up and I took a photograph yesterday. In a day or so I should have the print. As quick as I get it, I will send it on to you. Probably, I will send the drawings too.

Rapp of the Detroit Coin Club would like the paper and drawings so that he can read it at a meeting of the Club. I don't know whether you want this done or not. If you do not mind, send back the manuscript and drawings when you have finished having the article set up.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

September 27, 1927

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am herewith sending back my drawings, also a photographic that I had made. I do not think our photographer did over well with it. You can use this or see what your photographer can do. As a matter of fact, I think your photographer can improve on my work. When I said photographer, I meant photoengraver, as they are equipped to make a very fine black and white negative. I think the way I have laid them out is the best. Wormser was speaking to me the other day about a A.N.A. seal. My recollection is this:

During the first year of the Association, Joseph Hooper submitted some crude drawings of an Association medal. The lamp on the book was one side and a helmeted head on the other. Dr. Heath published these in the "Numismatist", and for two or three years used first one side or the other as a space filler, using, however, the lamp design more frequently at the head of the Association items. Then for several years they were not used. While I was Secretary, I wrote him about the Association seal and he confided in me that he had lost it, that is the line cut of the lamp and the book. He later found it and used it in one number of the "Numismatist." I then proceeded to make a better drawing of this and this drawing has been used constantly ever since. I can find no record nore do I have any recollection that it was ever officially adopted, but by long use both as a seal and on medals, I suppose it can be considered the defacto seal. Have you any different or supplementary information?

Very truly yours,

HW:MB
Encl.

Curator

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Oct. 3, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

Photo and drawings reached me a couple of days ago. I did not think there was enough contrast in the photo to reproduce well, so tried my hand at photographing them. I enclose prints of the result. They turned out much better than I expected. The whites are whiter and the blacks are blacker.

I have mounted a set of these just like you laid them out, which will make a full page. If the drawings had all been on the same size paper, with more white margins, the effect would be much better.

I have had a letter from Mr. Rapp, and I am sending him the drawings and paper today, so he can read it at the club Thursday night. I am requesting that he return both to me, and I will then return your drawings.

I expect to use your paper in Nov. issue.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

My recollection of the seal is much the same as yours. I do not think the present design was ever officially adopted--certainly not since 1904. My back numbers are since 1894, and there is nothing in them to show that it ever was adopted except by using it. I do not have the first six volumes. I do remember reading a little controversy of Mr. Hooper, who felt that he was the designer of the original seal--the one with the helmeted head, which was used occasionally as a filler in the N., as you say.

F. G. D.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

October 5, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

You certainly did far better than I did in photographing these drawings. I tried to do all at once and, therefore, fell down. You see when I made these I sketched them out rapidly as I wrote my account, never thinking they would be published. I simply made them to show to a dozen people sitting around me at one of the club meetings. I do not suppose you want these prints back. If you do, let me know..

Since writing you I have looked a little further into the history of the seal and do not find anything more than when I wrote you the first time. I have given all the information I have to Wormser.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

Curator

HW:MB

Photos were intended for you to keep.
F.G.D.

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Oct. 31, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

The Higley coppers were brought to the front at the Hartford Convention, and I want to bring to the attention of our readers the variety you discovered in 1913. This I had entirely overlooked and was only reminded of it in looking through some back numbers. This will be new to many of our readers now. It appeared in the July, 1913, issue, page 380.

I enclose what I have written on the subject and send it to you for approval. What I would like you to do is point out any inaccuracies as to varieties. I have only Scott's Catalog to go by. You can mark up the copy as you see fit to conform to facts if anything is wrong. Would like to have it back as soon as convenient. I want to publish it in Dec. issue.

In addition to this I want to reprint Joe Mitchelson's address at ~~at~~ the N. Y. Numismatic Club, which follows description of your Higley piece in the same issue.

I also want to call your attention to the A. N. A. seal in the May, 1913, issue, page 267. This, taken in connection with Grangerg's letter in the March, 1913, issue, ~~This~~ makes it appear that the two designs were intended for a medal, which was never struck, and the reverse was used as a seal at the time and has been so used since.

I am returning your eagle drawings, also manuscript. I believe you said you wanted them returned. The photo-engraver made a very good cut of the eagles, and if the printer works it right it should show up well.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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November 3, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

I have read the Higley article and with the additions that you contemplate making, I think, it would go all right. I would, however, cut out the listings in Scott's catalogue and substitute Crosby's "Early Coins of America." I am enclosing an abridged draft from Crosby, which you can use or not as you please. Of course, the last one was not in Crosby.

Many thanks for returning the drawings of the eagles. It will be a success. Please send me three extra copies and let me know how much.

I had noticed Granberg's letter about the seal in the 1913 "Numismatist." I handed my report in to Wormser and the whole membership list has for sometime been in the printer's hands.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:MB

Encl.

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Nov. 5, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for yours with the material on the Higley coppers. This will help a whole lot.

Yesterday I mailed you three copies of Nov. issue. No charge for these.

Does the Society have one of the Bodine & Brothers tokens? It is a brass shell, dated 1856. One Cent. "Due bearer in Mdze. at counter of our store." Size of large cent. I have a rubbing from Low, but would like a photo for illustration later on. If you have the piece, can you include it ~~in~~ when you take some photos. some time?

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

8th November, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield, Editor,
The Numismatist,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Many thanks for the November Numismatists.

I can not find that we have here a copy of the Bodine & Brothers token. Has it any city or state designation on it? If so, let me know and I may be able to trace it further.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 10, 1927.

My Dear Wood:

I enclose a rubbing of the Bodine & Bros. token. I doubt if you have one. I have never seen one or heard of anyone who had one, though I have seen them listed in old sales. It belongs to Williamstown, N. J., in the glass factory section in South Jersey, where I was born. A little later I want to publish a story on the South Jersey glasshouse tokens. The craze now for collecting old bottles and flasks, many of which were made in that section, will make such a story timely.

Please return enclosure.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

11th November, 1927

Mr. F. G. Duffield, Editor,
The Numismatist

Dear Duffield:

We have not the Iodine & Brothers card here nor have I any information about it. I am sorry I can not give you a photograph of it.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

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[illegible] 14, 1928.

My Dear Howe:

I have replied to Miss Starr's letter, saying I do not know of any work on "Coins" by you, but that I am forwarding her letter to you and that you will probably communicate with her.

Yours,

F. G. Duffield

24th March, 1928

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Enclosed are a couple of newspaper clippings that may interest you.

Very truly yours,

5th December, 1928

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I am herewith enclosing correspondence from Stefano Antivari; although I think you have illustrated these a few years ago, there may be some additional facts concerning San Marino coins that you might want to use.

Very truly yours,

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Dec. 11, 1928.

My Dear Wood:

The article on San Marino coinage reached me, as well as the letter sent yesterday. I will publish it in the Jan. issue and send him a copy of the issue.

Yours,

F. G. Duffield

The photos are so poor I can't reproduce them.

March 18, 1930

Mr. F.G.Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

You probably have already received the coins of Lundy, by Harman, but be that as it may, I am enclosing photographs of Lundy tokens that you can use. The only information I have is from a clipping in one of our newspapers from London, which is as follows:

"The little Island of Lunday at the mouth of Bristol Channel has adopted special coins and stamps forthe exclusive use of its 40 inhabitants.

Coins called "puffin" and half-puffin correspond in value to the penny and half-penny. One side bears a stiacciato head of Martin Coles Harman, London business man and uncrowned "king" of the island. The other side has the head of the sea bird after which the coins are named.

Stamps of similar denominations in greenand reddeach carry pictures of a puffin perched upon a rock.

Lundy Island, which sometimes is known as Puffin Island, has extreme length of three miles and a mean breadth of about a half mile. It was purchased by Mr. Harman in 1925."

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

June 17,1930

Mr. F.G.Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

J. de Lagerberg recently wrote to the Newark Museum for a specimen of the John Cotton Dana Medal issued by them, stating that he wished it for publication in THE NUMISMATIST. Evidently they did not care to give it to a private individual so sent it to us. Do you wish to have the medal sent on to you for illustrating?

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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June 19, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

If you think the John Cotton Dana medal is of enough general interest to illustrate, you may send it, with such details as you know about it, designer, etc. I had not heard of the medal until Mr. Wormser wrote me about it a couple of days ago and the circumstances of its presentation to the Society.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

June 23,1930

Mr. F.G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

On Saturday I sent you the John Cotton Dana medal. It was designed by John Flanagan and is in memoriam of the man who was at the head of the Museum since its inception, and who also was the Librarian of the Newark Public Library for many years.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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June 25, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of the John Cotton Dana medal and your letter of the 23d inst. It will be returned after photographing.

Do you know whether the date on the medal (1925) is of his death?

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

founder
museum certified Director
May 1975

Mitchell coll

Died July 21
1924

June 26,1930

Mr. W.G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr.Duffield:

On telephoning the Newark Museum I learned that the 1925 on the medal is the year the Museum building was completed. Mr. Dana died in July, 1929, and the medal is a tribute to him as founder and director.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

July 29, 1930

Mr. F.G.Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I think that in 1916 you wrote an account of Koehler in "The Numismatist", and you made mention that one of the first dies he engraved over here was the "wreckers" medal. I am curious as to where you got this information; also, could you tell me anything further, such as the year in which he made it and whether it was for the State Department or the Treasury Department? Government records on the subject are lacking. From what I have been able to dig out, and from the only medal I have seen that was awarded, it apparently was given to a foreign sailor, which would be through the State Dept. If this medal was made in 1860 or 61, it probably was made for the State Dept.; if made earlier, it might have been made for either .

I should be obliged to you for further information.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

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July 30, 1930.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 29th inst.

Most of the information I published in the Sept. 1916 issue about Koehler was obtained from his son, F. X. Koehler, Jr., whom I located while I was digging up data on Baltimore issues several years before that date. I had a long talk with him, and he showed me a number of cards and medals made by his father.

I have a lead impression of the dies for the wreckers' medal, as his son termed it. I do not recollect whether he gave me the medal or whether I picked it up here. I feel sure it is not a Government award medal. But I think I saw in one of Woodward's old catalogs one of these medals described.

The lead impression I have shows on the obverse a sailor clinging to a broken mast in the sea. Koehler's signature is at the bottom. The reverse has a wreath of oak and laurel leaves, with a small eagle at the bottom holding the stems together. The center is plain, with space for engraving. Above this space are 31 stars. This might be an approximate date of issue if the stars are for the number of States in the Union at the time. The workmanship is not of high grade, but might be of the average of medals of the time it was issued. There isn't a word of inscription on either side.

This is about all the information I have.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Oct. 7, 1930

Mr. F.C.Duffield

4215 Fernhill Avenue

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

For many years I've been reading comic publications such as LIFE, JUDGE, PUNCH, etc., but I think I've gotten more of a kick of a humorous nature, from reading pages 718 to 721 of the October NUTISTRISM. It has always been said that humor at its best should be unconscious. This certainly is it!

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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Oct. 9, 1930.

My Dear Wood:

I am glad you enjoyed Mr. Bestgen's ads. I got quite a kick out of them myself. When they came I tried to figure out some good reason for declining them. But they were accompanied by cash, and his letterhead states that for 30 years he has been in the real estate and insurance business, notary public and justice of the peace, so I thought he was a pretty good risk so far as reliability was concerned. If he doesn't know much about coin values, that is his hard luck. I couldn't decline his ads. because I thought his prices were too high. If I should do that, I would find myself in all kinds of trouble.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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Oct. 18, 1940.

My Dear Wood:

The enclosed is from a recent issue of the Burroughs Clearing House (house organ). It is interesting reading and I have the authorities' people to reprint it in The N.

I would like to illustrate it with a specimen of the Yuan Fa if you can furnish me with a photo. or one of them for photographing myself. I don't think I ever saw one or heard of it before. You will note that one is illustrated in the article. Credit will be given the Society for the illustration if you can furnish it.

I would also like you to point out any inaccuracies in the article and will gladly publish any comment you care to make on the Yuan Fa. I would like to publish it in the Dec. issue.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Please return the article as promptly as you can. Registered. Postage enclosed.

October 23,1930

Mr. F.G.Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

If you are going to persist in publishing a humourous sheet, go ahead, but please let me know in advance so I can stop my subscriptions to other papers. Here is my opinion of the article. I don't want any of it quoted under my name, though you can use any of it you wish under your own, or some stool pigeon.

I know of Howard Haines. He is all the time writing us for information and photographs. All of the coins herewith photographed, except the knife coin, of which there is no such thing as he has illustrated it, are from our collection. This coin, as he shows it, is nothing. He is quite cute in stating "Photographs from the collection of Howard Haines". However, I am just as well please he does not give us credit;we should hate to be associated with any such article.

Haines is one of the biggest romancers I know of. He writes with little knowledge and stretches the truth to meet his own purpose. There is not one word of truth in the whole thing. J. Mersington Cooke is not a man found in "Who's Who" at the time mentioned, or at any other time, and there was no such dealers in New York as J. J. Conrad & Company. The Yuan Fa of Yuen is one of our pieces and incidentally one of the fourty-four we have. Yuan Fa simply means ancient round coin, and the Yuan Fa of Yuen is the commonest of all. When Ramsden was alive he sent me many of these which I sold I think for seventy-five cents or a dollar each. Again, as far as I know, it is not the earliest Chinese coin, though one of the earliest. I thought I could pick out the negative from which I made the print for Haines, but cannot find it. If you really want to use this, let me know and I will send you the coin. I think this answers all of your questions.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
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NEW YORK

Jan. 7,1931

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Mr. Wood has asked me to tell you that our annual meeting announcement addressed to Luther B. Tuthill has been returned with the stamp "deceased" on it. Have you any record of this in your files?

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Howland Wood

I have had no other word of Mr. Tuthill's death. He has not been a member or a subscriber for some years.

F. G. DUFFIELD,
4215 FERNHILL AVENUE,
BALTIMORE, MD.

February 13,1931

F. G. Duffield, Esq.

4215 Fernhill Avenue

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

You have undoubtedly received many notices about the George Washington quarter-dollar. Possibly you have not seen the humourous skit on that, appearing in the New York World. I am therefore enclosing it along with two or three other items from the press.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

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March 5, 1932.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

You have recently been in communication with Mr. Robert D. Shank, Van Nuys, Cal., regarding furnishing photos. of coins of Carl XIV (Bernadotte) of Sweden. I have a copy of his letter to you of Feb. 14 and your reply of Feb. 24.

Mr. Shank has sent me the enclosed check for $4 to forward to you for making the plate of coins as you suggest.

I would like to say that it will be necessary for you to make prints of the coins from the plate, as I do not have a printing frame larger than 5x7. If this price of $4 does not include making the prints, we will send you check for the additional cost of the prints.

Mr. Shank's article on Bernadotte is a little lengthy, but interesting and well written, and as it stands has not a single numismatic feature. Some illustrations of coins or medals seem necessary in order to make it suitable for publication in The Numismatist.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

March 8, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I will try to photograph this morning the Bernadotte coins and will send you prints. These are always included in the price of the negative.

Very truly yours,

H.W.:JG

Curator

March 11, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I am enclosing various photographs of the Swedish and Norwegian coins of Bernadotte. You will see a number of extra prints so that you can get the best results.

Very truly yours,

MW:JG

Curator

March 15, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Here are two questions I would like to ask you. Sometime ago I think there appeared in the Numismatist a list of the various Islands in the world that had issued coins. If this is so and you can easily put your finger on the article could you give me the date so I could look it up. Also I think in the Numismatist once appeared an article entitled "Short Shirs". I think this had reference to some of the West Indian cut pieces. Offhand can you give me a clue to this?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 14, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I am herewith enclosing a manuscript and photographs of an article I read last night at the Club. Boyd asked me to send these on to you. All of the illustrations are pertinent but on account of the expense you may not want to use all of them. I suppose it is too late for the June number. This is wholly up to you. I do not care just when you do use it.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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May 16, 1932.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for your paper on the Far Eastern fakes. I can't get it in the June issue, but can do so in July issue. I haven't had time to consider it carefully, but we will be as liberal with illustrations as we can.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

July 20, 1932.

Mr. Frank Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I cannot find that I ever received the July Numismatist, although the others sent to the Society, Robertson, etc. arrived. If not too late could you send me on a copy? Being an author this time I ought to get an extra copy anyway.

Waldo Moore has just sent me on several papers? for the convention, stating that Bauer had appointed me Chairman of the Papers. This is the first I knew of it. I am h rewith sending these on to you as I will not be at the convention. You notice I questioned the word "papers". I think one, two, three or four of themcould get blown out of the car window going to California.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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July 23, 1932.

My Dear Wood:

As I do not expect to go to Los Angeles I am forwarding Mr. Moore's contributions to Harry Wilson, who expects to go. Your appointment as chairman of the committee on papers was published in the May issue, page 318.

Your name is on our mailing list O. K. and you should have received the July issue. I am sending several copies of this issue under separate cover.

Thanks for your rubbings of the Baltimore pieces. I am still interested in these, though I have little time to give to them. Considering that I had only about half of those in my list published 25 years ago at that time, I have since found that the descriptions are pretty accurate of those I did not have. I have about 100 additional pieces issued since the list was published.

I have one of the N. L. A. (in script letters), but have never been able to place it here. It is of Baltimore make.
The Concordia piece come in three values and I have all.
The A. McC. piece does not belong here, in my opinion.
I have the Maryland Oyster Co
There are two Mabley & Carew dollar-size cards. The one with the Battle Monument is for their Baltimore store; the one with the Tyler-Davidson fountain is for their Cincinnati store.
The Teutonia Turnverein may belong here. I have one of the Teutonia Club.
Do not think the Traebing piece belongs here.
The Bunden piece does not belong here.
I have one of the Towson, Md. pieces.

I was able to get from E. H. Adams recently quite a number of the older and rare ones.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

July 27, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

This to acknowledge the receipt of the Numismatists. Many thanks! I have placed those cards that you think are not Baltimore in the unassigned tray.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Nov. 26, 1932.

My Dear Wood:

I have received one of the Wormser medals for illustration in the N. Was there any special reason for the N. Y. N. C. issuing it at this time other than for his general good work for and interest in numismatics?

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

November 30, 1932.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

I don't blame you for wondering the whyfore of the Dorrser medal, for the simple reason it is about three years late. Possibly you may remember that all the presidents of the N. Y. N. C. have had their portraits on medals. Dorrser got out about three years ago but Swanson has only just finished the portrait.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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July 5, 1933.

My Dear Wood:

Would it be possible for you to furnish me within a week with the following photos.

Obv. and Rev. of 1803 dollar and Obv. and Rev. of both varieties of 1836 dollars, Gobrecht on base and below base.

In case it is not covenient to furnish photos., can you send me the coins for this purpose, with promise of prompt return?

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

July 6, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Robertson is on his vacation for the rest of the month and I can do no photographing. I have a good 1803 dollar but have only the common Gobrecht dollar with name on base. This, however, has been on exhibition for several years and is badly tarnished so it would not photograph at all well. The only suggestion I can make is try, if you have some, Chapman's illustrated catalogues. The Sticknny sale shows on the same plate one above the other, a good 1803 dollar and below it the Gobrecht on base, but not the other one. The other one is shown in one or two catalogues such as Malcom Jackson's but these are poor reproductions. We can undoubtedly send you the Sticknny catalogue if you do not have it or cannot get it in Baltimore. In our exhibition of United States and Colonial coins (1914) which I presume have a copy of on Plate 29 is a half tone of the Gobrecht dollar with name below base. A fair reproduction can be made of this. Let me know and I will try to accomodate you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

August 4, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

The enclosed was sent to me the other day with the request that we might send it to some numismatic publication. Use it or not, as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

September 8, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

I read with much interest Lowenstam's account of the 1804 dollar. What he presented, however, as new material is not new. This was gone into thirty-five years ago in the Journal. A reprint I am enclosing and as it seems to be the only one that I can put my hands on please return it when through with it. They, however, do not work up this difference in the dotted or denticulated milling as does Lowenstam.

I noticed you printed the little article I gave you "Twas Ever Thus". I did not get to the convention as I had neither time, energy or money to go there. Glad to hear from you any time, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Sept.11, 1933.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for sending me the enclosed. It is the first time I have read it, though much of what it contains was not new to me. It is evident that Lowenstam had recently read this or had a copy on hand when he wrote his article. There are many points of similarity.

If you have no objection I think I will publish this in the October issue, giving the Journal credit. I have had it copied and am returning it. Can you tell me who was editor of the Journal at that time or who the author was? It sounds somewhat like Low. I want to prepare a little introduction and would like to mention who the author was. Although the article contains nothing new at this time, it is a subject the average collector never tires reading about.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

At the time the article was written that is 1899, Dr. William T. R. Marvin and Lyman Low were editors of the Journal. Dr. Marvin never wrote any articles of this type, and as the writing in question is under the heading "Editorial" it can be said without a shadow of a doubt that it was written by Lyman Low

September 12, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Your letter of the 11th to Mr. Wood has been received and it has been referred to me in his absence.

At the time the article you mention was written, that is 1899, Dr. William T. R. Marvin and Lyman Low were editors of the Journal. Dr. Marvin never wrote any articles of this type, and as the writing in question is under the heading "Editorial" it can be said without a shadow of a doubt that it was written by Lyman Low.

Very truly yours,

RH:JG

Assistant Curator

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Sept. 23, 1933.

My Dear Wood:

If you photograph the Huey Long medal I would like to have one for illustration in The Numismatist.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Portrait
Obverse
Reverse
Portrait
Portrait of Huey

September 25, 1935.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

The Huey Long medal was gotten out in such a hurry that no photograph was made of it. The Medallic Art Company made a photograph of the sketch and we have not had a chance to photograph ours. I have just called up the Medallic Art and they are sending you a clipping from the Herald Tribune that shows the medal being presented, with about as good an account as there is. They also are sending you one of the reproductions of the medal which they are selling at 25¢ each. This you can photograph. The gold medal we have is about four inches high, without the inscription on the back but simply has engraved on it. "Presented to the American Numismatic Society, September 20, 1935", with a bar held by two chains to the medal. Please notice carefully the shape of the medal and you will see what it was meant to represent. Also, you will note that Huey Long is depicted as the Kingfish. We have had 100 or so people in each day looking at the medal since it was put on view.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Sept. 27, 1933.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for yours of the 25th and for your contact with the Medallic Art Company in my behalf. This morning I received one of the medals from them.

I will have a brief news item in the Oct. issue on the presentation of the medal, but of course the illustration ~~xxxx~~ cannot be used until Nov. issue. I have clippings with illustrations from the New York press. The shape of the medal is noted. The whole thing is rich, in my opinion.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

September 29, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

I have looked through your account of the Kingfish medal and have made only two minor changes. I think it is all right to let it go in as it is. I am sorry you wer't be able to get the cut in the October issue but then a thing like this is as good a few weeks from now as now. It has really created a lot of interest and the Medallic Art Company have sold several thousand.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 11, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

At the request of T. O. Mabbott I am sending you photograph taken from the British Museum Catalogue of the Geliner coinage at Carthage. Pick out which one you think best. I think the obverse of the second one and the reverse of the first would show up best.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Oct. 18, 1971.

My dear Ted:

Thanks for the quote for use in my, coming! article.

Suppose you have heard of Lohr's find of gold in China. They receive 1884 half dollars.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

October 16, 1933.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I notice that you printed what had been said previously in the Journal about the 1804 dollar, which I think was very proper for you to do, because the fellow that recently wrote on this did not discover anything new.

I have not heard anything about Wehl's find of an 1804 half dollar. I have heard of very cleverly altered dates.

Very truly yours,

Hw:JG

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Jan. 16, 1934.

My Dear Wood:

I was glad to read the contents of your letter of the 15th and I will be more than glad to publish it in the Feb. issue. I had seen no notice of the modification in the papers.

I already have in type the complete text of the order of Dec. 28, and will add the modification to exception "3" separately. There is much in the order of Dec. 28 that is of little interest to collectors, but it is well to have it on record in a numismatic publication for future reference. That was why I published in full the order of last April.

The order of Dec. 28 does not seem to have created much excitement among collectors. So far I have only had two letters mentioning the subject. But the modification order will make them feel a lot easier.

Will you say to Mr. Noe, in response to his telegram and letter, that it is O. K. with us to cancel the matter of printing the minutes of the annual meeting in the Feb. issue. If the Society wants to renew the practice next year, I have no doubt arrangements can be made to that effect.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

Alexander Prokofieff
Shanghai

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Are you interested in any of these? If not, can you turn them over to some one who would be?

Duffield

February 9, 1934.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Major Hume has asked me to send you on a Cincinnati medal to go in his article. He wants both sides done. Not knowing how much of a hurry you are in for it I am sending the medal as we are not photographing anything just now and it may be two or three eeks before we do. I am sending you a silver and bronze copy so you can take your choice for photographing.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Feb. 12, 1934.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for the two Order of Cincinnati medals received this morning. I have had nothing from Major Hume about this and was not expecting them. I do not have time now to photograph them, as all my photos go to the engraver tomorrow. I am using a very good drawing for this medal, though I would prefer an actual photo if there were time to make it.

Medals will be returned in a day or two.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

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March 3, 1934.

My Dear Wood:

Will you kindly look over the enclosed and let me have your opinion about publishing it in the N., particularly as to its accuracy.

The photos are nice and I would like to use it partly because of that fact. We have published little about Japanese coins.

If we publish it, the large photos at the back would be omitted.

Return postage is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

March 5, 1934.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I have looked over the manuscript and I think Mr. Rabbitt has made a great fuss over very little. If I was publishing it I would use just what absolutely refers to the nickel coins, that is on page 1 and part of page 2, pages 7 and 8. Page 9 is incomplete, as a number of the nations use pure nickel coins, and the alphabet after L has been left out. Evidently page 10 is missing. Also this list looks as if it had been taken from the International Nickel Company's book on Pure Nickel. Also the International Nickel have published with the analysis which they copied out of an old number of the Numismatic Chronicle the facts of the Bactrian coin.

What he says about Japanese coins in general is true enough but why he included the ones he did passeth understanding. E is largely known by hearsay and I doubt if any positively genuine coin is known. He apparently is including these to uphold his argument as to the beauty of Japanese coins and he has certainly picked out poor examples. F is widely known as a copper coin. A few examples are known in silver, terribly poorly cast and very crudely designed. G is silver but I have forgotten whether or not any genuine ones are known. The illustrations in both these instances look very little like the actual coins. H is a provisional coin. If you lift up the photograph you will see the description of I which is not a coin but a New Year's piece and although genuine it is not absolutely known just when it was made. The supposition is as he states but with the uncertainty of its date the proof that this was the first piece with the chrysanthemum falls down. The sizes too on most of his illustrations are wrong. I see no need of illustrating Plate K. The number of employees in the mint is interesting. The flow chart following page 8 is of little value to ordinary souls in this country.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

December 10, 1934.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4815 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Duffield:

I learned only late Saturday that the [illegible] dollars are being filled, and I herewith enclose a notice about them. I trust you can get this into the next number. Otherwise most of the value will be gone.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

December 24, 1934.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

Since my last letter to you concerning the counterfeiting of commemorative half dollars the Secret Service has made short work of it and apprehended the man with his plant, on Saturday December 22nd. He is a Russian by the name of Nicholas Derevitskay who sometimes used the alias of Nicholas Dery or Pope. He was in the Russian navy during the war and was condemned to be shot by the Bolsheviks and fled to Harvin then to Shanghai, China, and later came to this country. He claims he made about 40 half dollars, all commemoratives, but the past week or so has confined himself to the Panama Pacifics as he could get more for these. He could make about four a day. About 15 have been accounted for so there are not many out. He did not attempt to sell to any of the regular dealers but placed a few at a time with small dealers of curios, stamps etc. who had a few coins on display in their windows.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

Curator

April 9, 1935.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield
4215 Fernhill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Possibly you may not have seen the enclosed clipping. Although Hammer I think is no longer a member, at one time he was. Whether he has been collecting coins in recent years I don't know.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 14, 1936

Mr. Frank G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

Wormser is sending you, or has sent you, a gold coin of Haile Selassie to go in the new issues. I spoke to him the other night and asked him if I could have of photograph of this. He said he would ask you to send me a photograph, but in case he forgets it, would you mind doing this? It is a little gold piece with St. George on the back.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Hl ks

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April 18, 1936.

Mr. Howland Wood,
A. N. Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

So far I have not received the Selassie piece from Mr. Wormser, and he has not yet notified me he will send it.

If it comes I will not have a chance to photograph it before the May issue is off to the printer, which will be a week or more yet. But I will send you a photo. when I do make it.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

F. G. Duffield, Bus. Mgr.

January 25, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I suppose it is too late to put in even the barest notice, but Robert Robertson, my assistant, passed away suddenly on Friday, January 22nd. We did not learn of this until late Saturday afternoon, otherwise I would have informed you sooner.

I will draw up an obituary and send it to you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

Sarator

HW ks

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Jan. 26, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

My Dear Wood:

Thanks for your obituary on Mr. Wyman. I am returning the photo. herewith. When Hansen notified me of Mr. W.'s death he said he would prepare a suitable notice. It did not come for ~~Xxxx~~ Dec. or Jan., so was glad to get yours, even if late.

I have received about a dozen or fifteen comments on the new cover, about equally divided pro and con. I know the feeling among the older members in New York is that it is not good. But among the older members generally I believe the objection is principally because it is new-a change. I do not think it will soil easily. I have had a couple of copies on my desk which I have handled daily many times in the month and they do not show any soiling. The fact that it is a coated stock prevents it from soiling easily. And if I run half-tone cuts on the front cover it must be a coated stock or something that will take half-tones. The blue cover would not do that. I found long ago that on a pile of back numbers if not piled evenly the edges faded considerably exposed to indoor daylight, giving the exposed parts a yellowish appearance.

It is just possible a change may be made a little later in the stock, or possibly a cover in two colors. With so few expressing an opinion, it is hard to gauge the popular feeling.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

F. G. Duffield.

Your letter on Mr. Robertson just received. The "dummy" for the Feb. issue went to the printer yesterday, and I would not know which particular item to tell him to cuit to make room for evem a brief announcement of his death. Sorry to learn of this I will be glad to have you prepare a notice for the March issue and will use photo. if you can get one.

Duffield.

January 27, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

I am enclosing a photograph of Robertson so you can have plenty of time to have a cut made. Unfortunately it is on a linen surface paper but it is the only one I have. If possible, I would like to have you show the decoration he is wearing which is the order of the Vasa, conferred upon him last year by the King of Sweden.

He was working here on Thursday and left at the regular time and on getting up Friday morning was taken with a stroke and died probably instantly. I am getting the obituary off to you shortly.

I would like this photograph back as it is the only one we have. Many thanks for sending the photograph of Wyman back.

I am rather up against it to know who to get for a successor to Robertson. I have had my eyes open for some time but have not hit upon anyone who I think would fill the bill. Possibly you might know of someone who might be eligible. We do not want anyone Jewish. If you know of any prospects who have a general knowledge of coins, but more especially a thorough liking for coins, who is a student, let me know. I would want one fairly young. In other words, one that could carry on here after I pass on.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
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Jan. 28, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

My Dear Wood:

I think the photo of Mr. Robertson will come out all right in a half-tone, even if on linen. We can try it, anyway.

The first person to come into my mind as a new assistant for you was Stuart Mosher. I have met him at a couple of conventions and he impressed me favorably. Another good man is Robert H. Lloyd, of Buffalo. His interest is chiefly in U. S. paper money, as you know. Both are young, but whether either would care to bury themselves in a museum is a question. I don't know what the salary is, but I judge it is not exceptionally attractive.

We have a young man here, not over 25, a member of our club, who is taking an M. D. course in Johns Hopkins. His parents live in Ossining, N. Y., and he makes occasional week-end trips home. He is a clean-cut, refined, intelligent fellow, and likes coins. He has about a year to go before graduating. His interest is chiefly in U. S. I'll see him next week, and possibly he may stop and see you on one of his trips to Ossining, if he thinks he would like to make application for the position. His name is Robert DeC. Hughes.

I don't know any of the younger element in the metropolitan area, but am sure you do. But a young man that combines all the necessary elements is not easy to find.

Very truly yours,

F. G. Duffield

F. G. Duffield, Bus. Mgr.

March 8, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Avenue,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I am herewith enclosing a quarter in stamps. This comes from Sam Delovage, 1410 S. W. Market Street, Portland, Ore. He wishes a sample copy of the Numismatist.

The last number of the Numismatist at hand and I notice that you have done a very good piece of work on Robertson's photograph.

I almost received a shock when I noticed the number of bills presented for new half dollars. I hope the whole bunch die in committee or get vetoed. Certainly it looks as though American Numismatics today was confined to souvenir half dollars. I don't suppose you kick because it must have brought in an awful lot of additional advertising.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

March 22, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Duffield:

I am forwarding a letter and check from a man named Dickson for a subscription to the Numismatist. This was sent here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW S
encl.

Apr. 10, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Duffield:

At the request of Mr. John F. Jones I am sending you a photograph of the North American token. This is the best specimen we have. As a matter of fact, it is seldom you see one perfect.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

Apr. 13, 1937

Mr. F. G. Duffield,
4215 Fernhill Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Duffield:

If you care to you might put in this announcement.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

The Council of the American Numismatic Society has appointed Mr. William L. Clark of New York City Assistant Curator of its Numismatic Collection. The position was formerly held by Mr. Robert Robertson, whose death occurred in January. Mr. Clark entered upon his duties on March 22nd.

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